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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Director's Luncheon with Senator Stuart Symington**

1. During a luncheon with Senator Symington on 1 May 1969 the Director brought up the matter of cultivating congressional contacts. In reply the Senator made the following points:

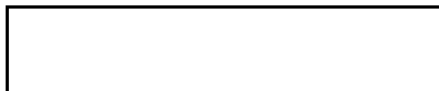
a. It is generally better, when dealing with senior senators at least, to invite them out one at a time rather than in groups.

b. The Agency's stock at the moment is very good and we should scrupulously follow the present policy of sticking to the facts in briefings and not indulging in speculation.

c. We shouldn't waste too much time on the junior members, such as breakfasts for freshmen congressmen. It will be some years before these people will be sufficiently senior to help us or hurt us.

2. The Director wishes us to maintain a tickler file on key members of the House and Senate and review it periodically to be sure we are not neglecting any of those with whom continuing contact is desirable.

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